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Dear Dr. Chain:

I have not had an occasion, as yet, to thank you in person for your invitation to contribute to the Symposium on chemotherapy. I hope the detailed and roundabout investigations will not have embarrassed you; they were, I suppose, inevitable in view of ~~there~~ the participation of four people at widely separated places. However, the main reason for delay must rest on me: I was away from campus for a good part of January and February, and was unable to devote myself to my part of the ms. until some brief time after my return. Meanwhile, Dr. Cavalli has ~~spee~~ spoken with full authority for both of us, and I assume ~~it~~ will help to minimize any further confusion if we continue this arrangement. I hasten to add that the adjunction of Dr. Cavalli to this venture has been absolutely indispensable, and that whatever merit comes from it will be a result of the collaboration. I am indeed pleased that your assent created the occasion for a continuance of our cooperation.

I have just been able to forward my immediate part of the ms. to Cavalli, and hope that I will have left him enough time to fulfill his commitment to you. As this is in a sense a double paper, I hope you can give him double consideration in providing time for its completion.

Yours cordially,

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